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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER						Docket No. 4035-0161P	
Application No. 10/697,293-Conf. #008450		Filing Date October 31, 2003		Examiner B. E. Gregory		Art Unit 3662	
Applicant(s): Takeshi MATSUOKA et al.							
Invention: METHOD OF OBSERVING SEA ICE							
MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.							
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## **AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In reply to the Office Action dated April 15, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks.